

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace the previous version, and the listing of claims:

Listing of Claims

1-4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin vessel according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 15, wherein the clamping step comprises the steps of: extruding a part of a resin in a portion corresponding to the flange portion in flange inner and outer peripheral directions; and forming the flange portion.

6-10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin vessel according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 15, wherein the thermoplastic resin sheet is formed of at least a thermoplastic polyester resin.

12-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing a thermoplastic resin vessel, comprising the steps of:

fixing a thermoplastic resin sheet outside a forming portion of a cut-shaped vessel;

pre-forming the thermoplastic resin sheet by a plug, wherein a portion corresponding to an orifice portion or a flange portion of the cup-shaped vessel is drawn;

clamping a pre-formed portion of the thermoplastic resin sheet inside a portion where the thermoplastic resin sheet is fixed;

drawing the pre-formed portion further by the plug;

pneumatically forming the thermoplastic resin sheet into a shape of a lower mold heated at not less than a crystallization temperature of the thermoplastic resin sheet, and thermally fixing the sheet; and

decompressing an inside of a formed article to contract the formed article into a shape of the plug which is a final vessel shape, and cooling the article.